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SUBJ: ILO: CANDIDACY OF CANADIAN DELEGATE MORRIS FOR CHAIRMAN OF
GOVERNING BOARD

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1. DEPUTY VICE MINISTER OF LABOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IWATA,
GOJ DELEGATE TO RECENT ILO GOVERNING BODY (GB) MEETING, RAISED
WITH LABATT APRIL 14 CANDIDACY OF CANADIAN WORKER DELEGATE JOE
MORRIS FOR CHAIRMAN OF GB BEGINNING IN JUNE.

2. ACCORDING TO IWATA, JAPANESE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO WORKER DELE-
GATE BEING ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF GB, EVEN THOUGH POSITION HAS CUST-
OMARILY BEEN RESERVED FOR GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE, SO LONG AS EXISTING
PATTERN OF REGIONAL ROTATION IS PRESERVED. SINCE 1977 IS TERM OF
THE AMERICAS, GOJ TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO BACK MORRIS. MATTERS NOW
HAVE BEEN COMPLICATED, HOWEVER, BY CIRCULATION OF NOTE FROM CANA-
DIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH, WHILE REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR MORRIS, SETS
FORTH VIEW THAT MORRIS, AS WORKER CANDIDATE, SHOULD NOT BE CHARGED
AGAINST THE REGIONAL "QUOTA." JAPANESE BELIEVE THE CANADIAN NOTE
ALSO IMPLIES THAT CANADIANS OR OTHER NORTH AMERICAN (I.E., US)
MEMBER OF ILO FEEL FREE TO FIELD GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE IN 1978. IWATA
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SAID CANADIAN NOTE HAS AROUSED CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT IN ASIAN
GROUP AND MAY RESULT IN SEVERAL ASIAN NATIONS VOTING AGAINST MORRIS.

3. IWATA, INDICATING HE HAD RAISED MORRIS' CANDIDACY AND QUESTION
OF REGIONAL ROTATION WITH UNDER SECRETARY BROWN IN TOKYO EARLIER
THIS MONTH, SAID GOJ WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING, AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE, US VIEWS ON ABOVE SITUATION AS WELL AS SOME INDICA-

TION OF DEGREE OF OUR COMMITMENT TO PRINCIPLE OF REGIONAL ROTATION.

4. COMMENT: FROM TOKYO VANTAGE POINT, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS
ISSUE WAS POTENTIAL FOR SOWING DIVISIONS AMONG OUR FRIENDS AND
MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH OUR PRINCIPAL GOALS AT JUNE
GENERAL CONFERENCE.
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